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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 October 1956

FROM : Acting Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- September 1956

ADMINISTRATION

1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 30 September was [] 25X1A

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3. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at Intelligence Orientation Course No. 1 on 5 September.

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5. Deputy Chief, FDD, represented the Division at the briefing of Mr. Harry Wilhelm, a Bureau of Budget official, on 25 September.

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6. On 12 September, approximately 60 FDD personnel attended a briefing by [] Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR, on ORR changes in organization, emphases, and requirements.

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7. [] returned from a three-month familiarization tour of [] 25X1A

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8. [] left on six months' TDY in []

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9. After two years of prodding by FDD and Real Estate and Construction Division, OL, the District has finally repaired the entrance to the "Y" Building parking area.

10. Intensive Polish Reading Class No. 2 started on 10 September with four students, two of them from OTR.

One student completed Intensive Russian Reading Class No. 6 and qualified in the FDD Russian examination on 14 September.

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[redacted] entered upon a three-month Thai Language Course at OTR on 24 September.

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11. Thirty-five persons attended a lecture by [redacted] Geographic Division, ORR, on the geography of the Eastern European Satellites on 25 September.

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OPERATIONS

1. The 76th meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was held on 28 September. Items of old business and adoption of agenda for the future occupied the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 October.
2. A survey has been made of FDD Vital Materials reference books, which will complete holdings for the Division.

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3. The new FDD display for the Intelligence Products Exhibit was presented for the first time at this month's "County Fair" in R&S Building. [redacted] reported excellent reception by all viewers.

4. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 59 cases of duplication totaling 2,602 pages.

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5. Far East Branch has discontinued exploitation on [redacted] 25X1A [redacted] will be exploited only for information on the Communist Bloc. The scheduled FDD Summary "Monthly Information Report [redacted] was discontinued with issue No. 21 of September. A "Monthly Information Report on Korea" will be issued in the [redacted] format starting with October.

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6. [redacted] of Far East Branch reviewed [redacted] documents file on the East Siberian Railroad with members of Transportation Branch, ORR; as a result, Far East Branch has undertaken exploitation of this material in consultation with ORR and USSR Branch, FDD.

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Division, DD/P, Contact Division will publish, [redacted]
selected [redacted] material translated by FDD.

8. Commendations:

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From Deputy Director (Plans), for Division support of [redacted]
which included furnishing of 30 linguists and providing special
language refresher training. Chief, FDD, is particularly commended
for his cooperation throughout the critical staffing period of the
Project.

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From Acting Chief, FE/DD/P, for services rendered by [redacted]
while on TDY in FE Division.

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From Chief, FI/DD/P, for the services of [redacted]
during his eight months' assignment with [redacted]

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From Director, Office of Libraries and Intelligence-Acquisition,
Department of State, and from the former State Department representative
on the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications
for the able and conscientious Chairmanship by Mr. J. J. Bagnall of
that Committee over the past three years.

9. Special services rendered:

DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, a reverse translation, English to Spanish,
of a six-page document on field requirements.

Office of Research and Reports -- For intelligence Information
Staff, a reverse translation of a three-page guided missile question-
naire from English to Russian.

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Office of Training -- For Language and Area School,
[redacted] tested two persons for proficiency in spoken
French.

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13. Significant reports;

FDD Summary No. 1036 -- Report on USSR Ministries (2) -
Organization and Functions of the Ministry of Trade USSR and Other
Trade Organs (describes the structural organization and functions of
the USSR domestic trade network, including the workers supply divisions
in the industrial ministries.)

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FDD Summary No. 1065 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (117) (new Minister of War and Public Security of the Mongolian People's Republic identified, p. 90; quoted in Current Intelligence Digest of 25 September)

FDD Summary No. 1063 -- Political and Sociological Report on Eastern Europe (41) (contains collated summaries - with FDD comments - on current developments in Eastern Europe, e.g., democratization of Hungarian Communist Party pp. 129 ff.; Rumanian attitude on de-Stalinization pp. 153 ff.)

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on
FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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